

## **Matching System**

### **Abstract**

A method and system for matching a buyer of goods with a seller of goods. The seller  
5 lists its goods for sale on the system by way of the Internet. The seller classifies the  
goods two ways. First, the goods are classified in accordance with their characteristics  
and second, in accordance with the criteria for acceptable buyers of the goods. To access  
the system a buyer must register for access. The registration process requires the buyer to  
submit, by way of the Internet, information regarding the buyer's identity and business  
10 operations. The system independently verifies the information submitted by the buyer  
and provides for the assessment of its veracity. Upon the verification of the information,  
the buyer is either granted or denied access to the system. Buyers granted access are able  
to query the system in relation to the characteristics of the goods listed thereon. All  
goods which match the buyer's query will be filtered based on the identity of the buyer  
15 and the buyer criteria associated with the goods. Those goods which match the buyer's  
query and for which the buyer satisfies the buyer criteria associated with such goods will  
be displayed to the buyer as available for purchase.

### **Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates to methods and systems for matching a buyer of goods with  
20 a seller of goods.

### **Background of the Invention**